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## Organization of Boy's Agricultural Club Work in the Southern States

### OBJECTS

Boys agricultural club work, organized through the efforts of the Office of Extension Work in the South (Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work) of the States Relations Service, United States Department of Agriculture, working in cooperation with other forces of the South, has, among other objects, the following:

1. To encourage and train boys along the lines of the activities of country life.
2. To put into practice the facts of scientific agriculture obtained from books, bulletins, etc.
3. To bring the school life of the boy into closer relationship to his home life.
4. To assist in the development of the spirit of cooperation in the family and in the community.
5. To dignify and magnify the vocation of the farmer by demonstrating the splendid returns which may be secured from farming when it is properly conducted.
6. To enlarge the vision of the boy and to give him definite purposes at an important period in his life.
7. To furnish to the aggressive, progressive rural school teacher an opportunity to vitalize the work of the school by correlating the teaching of agriculture with actual practice.

### CORN CLUBS

Corn was selected for the first

demonstrations, because it is a plant that can be profitably produced in most sections of the United States. The boys throughout the country have common knowledge of it from childhood, and the lessons seem easy. Corn yields more food to the acre in most sections of the United States, when properly handled, than any other grain crop. Food for men and animals is one of the first necessities. Cheapness of production is an important item. The growing of more and better corn in the South is necessary for better farm conditions. It forms part of a proper rotation for soil building and will furnish feed for a more extended livestock industry. It is the foundation crop for home use in most of the Southern States. Its more extensive growth will encourage diversification.

### KAFIR, MILO MAIZE, AND FETERITA CLUBS

In addition to corn clubs, it has been found to be wise to organize other clubs. In western Oklahoma and Texas, where corn is not adapted to the climate, it has been found advisable to organize boys in kafir, milo maize, and feterita clubs. One acre is the unit for these clubs.

### COTTON CLUBS

Cotton is a standard crop in the South and in any system of diversified farming must occupy an important place. Therefore a few cotton clubs have been organized for the purpose of teaching boys how to make the greatest yields at the lowest cost. Hereafter the unit of

acreage for cotton will be one acre.

### PEANUT CLUBS

In 1914 peanut clubs were organized in Virginia. These clubs proved to be quite successful. In the future these clubs will be organized throughout the territory adapted to the growing of peanuts. The unit of acreage is peanut clubs is 1 acre.

### POTATO CLUBS

Potato clubs should be organized wherever there is a demand for them. The unit of acreage in potato clubs is one-eighth of an acre.

### PIG, POULTRY, AND BABY BEEF CLUBS

In cooperation with the Bureau of Animal Industry there have been organized pig, poultry and baby beef clubs. In a number of States the Bureau of Animal Industry has placed a specialist to cooperate with the agents of the Office of Extension Work in the South (Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work) in the pig and poultry club work.

Other agricultural clubs may be organized to serve the needs of communities in which they are located. It is thought best, however, not to multiply clubs.

### HOW BOYS' AGRICULTURAL CLUBS ARE ORGANIZED

Arrangements have been made for active cooperation with the extension divisions of the agricultural colleges, and, where local conditions will permit, with State and county superintendents of education and others.

After enrollment of the club members a meeting or meetings of the boys interested should be held, either at the courthouse or at some central place in the county, for the purpose of instruction and organization. Efforts will be made by the county farm demonstration agent to get in touch with every boy through a system of group meetings for the purpose of instruction. The cooperation of the school authorities is necessary for this purpose. Such meetings should be held in ample time to give instructions regarding the preparation of soil, selection of seed, fertilizers to be used, methods of planting, cultivating, harvesting, etc. It is estimated that a series of these meetings for each county, held at three different times of the year, will be sufficient to give ample instructions to the boys.

The best results are generally obtained when the following plans are followed in a county:

1. The local teacher organizes the club and sends the names and addresses of the boys to the county agent of the farmers' cooperative demonstration work. In case there is no county agent in the county, the teacher sends the enrollment to the county superintendent of education, directs the work in the county, holds county meetings, formulates the county rules, and settles all county contests. He receives the names and addresses of the boys from the local teachers, makes copy of the same for his office, and sends copy of names and addresses, arranged alphabetically, to the county superintendent of education and to the State agent in charge of boys' agricultural clubs. When there is no demonstration agent in the county the county superintendent sends names and addresses to the State agent in charge of boys' agricultural clubs.

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furnished to the local agents and to superintendents, teachers, and other county leaders in this work.

### CLASSIFICATION OF CLUBS

It is important to classify the club membership with reference to the number of activities engaged in, as, for example, class A, boys engaging in one activity; class B, those engaging in two lines of work; class C, those following three lines; class D, those following four lines, and so on.

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